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A. J. CAYWOOD.

Friday, January 14, 1916.

Taft For Supreme Court

Some of President Wilson's ablest advisors have urged him to appoint William H. Taft to the supreme court vacancy resulting from the death of Justice Lamar. It is pointed out that the president could find no abler judge and no man who experience has so well fitted him for service on the highest tribunal in the land. It was Mr. Taft's earnest desire to go on the supreme bench during the Roosevelt administration and he did not do so only because he felt that he could better serve the Filipinos by remaining at the head of the war department. Mr. Taft's legal decisions, handed down when he was a member of the U. S. circuit court, constitute some of the most valuable contributions to American jurisprudence. No prominent republican has been more considerate of Mr. Wilson, both as a rival candidate for the presidency and as president. Moreover, Mr. Taft as president exhibited an absolute indifference to partisan considerations in selecting members of the supreme court, having made Justice White, a Louisana democrat, chief justice and having appointed Messrs. Lamar and Lurton, both democrats, members of the

Tariff Law Lemon

The lowest duty rate recorded by the Underwood law since its enactment was the lemon handed to Uncle Sam by that tariff law the week ended December 25th, 1915. On imports totalling \$30,799,642, there was paid into the federal treasury revenue in the sum of \$2,685,866, or an average rate of duty on imports entered at the 13 principal customs districts of the United States of 8.7 per cent for the week. Secretary McAdoo must have indulged in a little lurid language when he found that measly contribution to the public revenues in the treasury's Christmas stocking. No wonder he wants to tax gasoline, horsepower, and "various other things." to quote from his annual report. Imports are coming in as never before, but they are coming in for the most part free of duty.

A Remarkable Feature

A remarkable feature of the annual report of Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo is the presentation of three special reports by mercantile agencies, testifying to the restoration of industrial prosperity. These reports were made at the request of the secretary himself. Two deductions are almost unavoidable: first, Mr. Me-Adoo doubted whether the American people would believe that prosperity has returned unless he so informed them in his report; and, second, he doubted whether they would accept the statement on his own authority, and therefore, backed it up by the testimony of three mercantile agencies. This is certainly not very complimentary either to the intelligence of the American people or to the reputation of Mr. McAdoo. We are certainly in a sad state of affairs it the American people do not know they are enjoying prosperity unless reports. We are also in a bad way if reliance cannot be placed of said estate, intend to make final settlement upon the statements of the Secre- Court of Linn County, State of Missouri, to be tary of the Treasury unless con- held at Linneus on the 14th day of February. firmed by private agencies, selected

THE LACLEDE BLADE by himself for corroborative purposes. We repeat, this is a remarkable feature of an annual report of a secretary of the treasury.

Merits in Republican Laws

Postmaster General Burleson says that in the past few years the postal system has entered upon a still broader service to the people, and he cites the postal savings system and the parcel post as instances. Thanks, Mr. Burleson. Both of these measures were passed by republican congresses. The postal savings law was enacted with your opposition. The parcel post was enacted without any evidence whatever of your active support. You were a member of congress and had an opportunity to help in the establishment of both. You opposed one and if you helped in the other there is nothing in the record to show it. In fact, every vote in opposition to the postal savings bank was cast by a democrat. Still, we can forgive your opposition in the past since you now acknowledge the merit of republican legislation.

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Notice of Final Settlement

Notice is hereby given to all creditors and others, interested in the estate of Mary E. Lomax. deceased, that I. W. M. Lomax, administrator of said estate, intend to make final settlement thereof at the next term of Probate Court of Linn County, State of Missouri, to be held at Linneus, on the 14th day of February, 1916.

W. M. LOMAX.

Administrator's Notice

Notice is hereby given that Letter of Administration upon the estate of Marvin Cooley, deceased, have been granted to the undersigned, by the Probate Court of Linn county, Missouri, bearing date the 29th day of December, 1915.

All persons having claims against said acrays. All persons having claims against said estate

All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them to me for allowance, within six months from the date of said letters, or they may be precluded from any benefit of such estate; and if said claims be not exhibited within one year from the date of the last insertion of the publication of this notice, they will be forever barred.

O.F. LIBBY, Administrator.

Notice of Final Settlement

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